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**CALANDRINIA LEANA**, n. sp.—Smooth; leaves all radical, thick and succulent, oblanceolate, obtuse, 1—1½ inches long; scapes several from a thickened root, erect, 6 to 8 inches high, furnished above the middle and at the bases of the peduncles with small, ovate, scarious, glandular-denticulate bracts; inflorescence corymbose; sepals 2, orbicular, scarious, glandular-denticulate at the terminations of the veins, 1½ lines in length and breadth; petals 5 to 7, cuneate-obovate, retuse or emarginate, bright red, 6 lines long; stamens 5 to 7, shorter than the petals; style 2½ lines long; ovary of the same length, ovoid; ovules 2 to 10; seeds black, shining, estrophiolate. The whole plant is more or less reddish, and resembles *Spraguea umbellata* in its general habit. It is named for Mr. L. W. Lee, who collected it, August 2d, 1876, on the Siskiyou Mountains, near the southern boundary of Oregon.—THOS. C. PORTER.

**A VALUABLE LIBRARY FOR SALE.**—The Library of the French Botanist, Adolphe Brongniart, is to be sold by auction in Paris on the 4th of December next, and the succeeding days. The Catalogue makes a duodecimo volume of two hundred and forty pages. The botanical portion is of course the richest and fills a hundred and seventy-four pages, comprising all departments of the science. The department of fossil plants is especially full, and, as the prefatory note remarks, would make a library by itself, and is almost complete. M. Brongniart was the creator of vegetable palæontology, and to the end of his life devoted himself to collecting all that was published on this subject, small and great. Besides this the library contains many important works on vegetable anatomy, and many very rare pamphlets, and papers published in the proceedings of learned societies. The books are subject to an addition of 5 per cent. to the price for the expenses of the sale, and an additional 5 per cent. to the agent, M. E. Deyrolle, fils, 23 rue de la Monnaie, Paris, of whom we presume catalogues may be procured by any one desiring them.—W.

**FERNS AT THE CENTENNIAL.**—The Hawaiian department at the Centennial Exhibition contains several sets of the Ferns of the Islands, which are very beautiful, and comprise over a hundred different species. They would be a desirable acquisition for a collector of Ferns, but the prices set upon them are altogether too high. Thirty dollars for a hundred specimens of small Ferns, and from that up to seventy-five dollars and more for large ones, is altogether out of proportion to the usual commercial price of *Exsiccati*. Thus Norrlin's collection of Lapland lichens, embracing 300 species, is furnished for thirty dollars, and the labor and expense of collecting plants in that arctic region must be much greater than in the tropical islands.—W.

**SOME NOTES FROM MILWAUKEE.**—From a private letter of Dr. J. S. Douglas to the Editor, the following notes are of general interest: "Have you discovered any rays in the *Aster angustus*? It is new in this region, having first appeared here two years ago, but is now abundant, but I have never been able to discover any rays. The introduction of new plants in a locality is curious. For example, I

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